

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-17 (Previously Canceled).

18--21. (Canceled).

22. (Currently Amended) A diagnostic agent for inflammatory diseases, neoplastic diseases, dermatosis or blood diseases of PMN (polymorphonuclear leukocytes), macrophages and these lineages, which comprises an antibody specific to a calcium-binding protein comprising an amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 19 or encoded by a nucleic acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1 ~~according to Claim 18.~~

23.(Currently Amended) A calcium-binding protein assay reagent comprising an antibody specific to a calcium-binding protein comprising an amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 19 or encoded by a nucleic acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1 ~~according to Claim 18.~~

24. (Withdrawn) An assay method for calcium-binding protein, characterized by using a reagent according to Claim 23.

25. (Withdrawn) An isolated and purified DNA encoding a calcium- binding protein that possesses calcium binding activity comprising an amino acid sequence which is identical to the amino acid sequence listed in SEQ ID NO: 19.

26. (Withdrawn) An isolated and purified DNA encoding a calcium- binding protein that possesses calcium binding activity comprising an amino acid sequence which is identical to the amino acid sequence listed in SEQ ID NO: 20.